# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:488
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VIOLATION OF RULES IN CONSTRUCTION OF INDIRA AWAS
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) at present in the country;

(b) whether the Government has noticed that the rules meant for construction of Indira Awas are being violated openly;

(c) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last three years and current year;

(d) whether any action has been taken against any person till date in connection with bungling in construction work;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a): According to the latest Survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1999-2000 (55th Round), the total number of persons living below the poverty line at all India level were estimated to be 260.2 million persons of which 193.2 million were in rural areas and 67.0 million were in urban areas.

(b) to (f): The scheme is functioning satisfactorily, but whenever complaints in respect of any violation of rule/ regulation in implementation of Indira Awaas Yojana is brought to the notice of the Ministry, the matter is immediately taken up with the concerned State Governments/UTs Administration, for taking appropriate action. The details of the complaints received with regard to violation of rules/regulations in implementation of IAY and action taken thereon during the last three years and the current year is annexed.

Annexure

Annexure as referred to in parts (b) to (f) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 488 due for reply on 25.11.2005.

Complaints received on violation of Rules/regulation in implementation of the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

Andhra Pradesh

Complaint

(i) A complaint was received from Smt. Renuka Chaudhury, MP (Lok Sabha), Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh regarding irregularities in the selection of beneficiaries. In the complaint, it has been alleged that in the selection of beneficiaries, Gram Sabha is rarely consulted and the District Collector is mis-using his power in the allotment of houses in a partisan manner.

Action Taken

The matter was taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and they have informed that the IAY houses were sanctioned in Khammam District to the poorest among poor families like Primitive Tribal Groups i.e. Kondareddies, Koyar ST Lambadas and Fire/Flood victims, Widows Headed families, Physically handicapped and Ex- servicemen as per the IAY Guidelines. The Selection of beneficiaries was done by Gram Sabha only. In this regard, MP was informed accordingly.

Bihar

Complaint

(i) A complaint was received from Shri Sharad Yadav, the then Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution regarding mis-utilization of funds in the implementation of IAY Madhepura District of Bihar.

Action Taken

A National Level Monitor (NLM) was deputed to inquire into the matter. The Report submitted by the NLM was forwarded to the State Government for appropriate action. Shri Sharad Yadav, the then Union Minister was accordingly informed in this regard.

Complaint

(ii) A complaint was received from Shri Nawal Kishore Rai, MP (LS) regarding irregularities in the implementation of IAY in Sitamarhi District of Bihar.

Action Taken

A National Level Monitor (NLM) was deputed to inquire into the matter. The Report submitted by the NLM was forwarded to the State Government for appropriate action. Shri Rai, MP was accordingly informed that action against the erring officers has already been initiated by the State Government

Complaint

(iii) A complaint of Shri Tarkeshwar Singh, MLA (Bihar) forwarded by Shri Jai Narayan Prasad Mishra regarding irregularities in the implementation of IAY in Saran District was received in 2005.

Action Taken

The complaint has been forwarded to the State Government calling for Action Taken Report (ATR). As per State Government`s ATR , an FIR has been lodged against 10 erring officials.

Complaint

(iv) A complaint was received from Shri Ishwar Sahay Ram, Executive Engineer, Araria (Bihar) in 2005 regarding irregularities in the implementation of IAY in the said district. The complaint was forwarded to the State Government for Action Taken Report.

Action Taken

As per State Government`s Report, an FIR has been lodged against accused Engineers in the local Police Station.

Uttar Pradesh

Complaint

(i) A complaint received from Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, former Minister, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh regarding irregularities in the implementation under IAY in Pathardeva Block of Devaria District, Uttar Pradesh.

Action Taken

A National Level Monitor has been deputed to inquire into the matter.

Complaint

(ii) A complaint was received from the villagers of Jola Dindoli, Block Nagal, Tahsil Deoband, District − Saharanpur (UP) regarding irregularities in selection of beneficiaries under IAY. It was alleged that no meetings of Gram Sabha were held for selection of beneficiaries under IAY and ineligible people were provided with the funds for construction of houses by Gram Pradhan and State Government officials.

Action Taken

The complaint was forwarded to the State Government for taking appropriate necessary action. The State Government has informed that in selection of the beneficiaries, concerned Gram Panchayat has not maintained criteria of priority and has identified ineligible villagers. Necessary directives to recover the funds given to ineligible people have been given and necessary action has been initiated against the erring Gram Panchayat Pradhan and Gram Panchayat officers concerned.

Orissa

Complaint

(i) A complaint was received from Shri Prabhat Samantray, EX-MP regarding misappropriation of funds in the implementation of IAY in Kendrapara District (Orissa).

Action Taken

A National Level Monitor was deputed to inquiry into the matter. The Report submitted by the NLM has been forwarded to the State Government for necessary action/comments.

Complaint

(ii) A complaint received in 2005 from Shri Gouri Pandi of Village Karva Munda in Bolangir district of Orissa regarding irregularities in the implementation of IAY in Bolangir district.

Action Taken

The complaint was got investigated by NLM and as per the report submitted, allegations of corruption were found correct. A copy of the report has been forwarded to the State Government of Orissa for necessary action/ comments.

Uttranchal

Complaint

(i) A complaint from the President (BJP), Barakotta, District Champawat, Uttranchal regarding irregularities in the implementation of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) in the district of Champawat was forwarded by Shri Bachhi Singh Rawat, MOS for Science & Technology for necessary action.

Action Taken

The complaint was got investigated by the Area Officer of this Ministry and as per the report submitted by the Area Officer, no major irregularities were noticed. Shri Rawat was informed accordingly.